

TRIFLES.

A cloud may intercept the sun,
A web by insect workers spun,
Preserve the life within the frame,
Or vapors take away the same.
A grain of sand upon the sight,
May rob a giant of his might!
Or needle-point let out his breath,
And make a banquet meal for Death.

How often at a single word,
The heart with agony is stirred,
And ties that years could not have riven,
Are scattered by the winds of heaven.
A glance that looks with lips would speak,
Will spend the pulse and blanch the cheek;
And thoughts, nor looked, nor yet expressed,
Create a chaos in the breast.

A smile of hope from those we love,
May be an angel from above;
A whispered welcome in our ears,
Be as the music of the spheres.
The pressure of the gentle hand,
Worth all that glitters in the land;
Oh! trifles are not what they are,
But fortune's ruling voice and star.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

Last evening, as we were walking leisurely along Clark street, the music of the choirs in three churches came floating out into the darkness around us, and they were all new tunes and strange tunes, but one. And that one—it was not sung as we have heard it, but it awakened a train of long buried memories, that rose to us even as they were, ere the cemetery of the soul had a tomb in it.

It was sweet old Corinth they were singing—strains we have seldom heard, since the rose color of life was blushed; and we were, in a moment, back again to the old village church, and it was a summer afternoon, and the yellow sunbeams were streaming through the west windows, and the silver hair of the old Deacon who sat near the pulpit was turned to gold in its light, and the minister, who, we used to think could never die, so good was he, had concluded "application and exhortation," and the village choir were singing the last hymn, and the tune was Corinth.

It is years—we dare not think how many—since then, and the prayers of David the son of Jesse, are ended, and the choir is scattered and gone. The girl with blue eyes that sang alto, and girl with black eyes that sang air; the eyes of the one were like a clear June Heaven at night, and those of the other, like that same heaven at noon. They both became wives, and both mothers, and they are both dead. Who shall say they are not both singing Corinth still where Sabbaths never wane, and congregations never break up! There they sat Sabbath after Sabbath, by the square column at the right of the "leader," and to our young eyes, they were passing beautiful, and to our young ears, their tones were the very "soul of music." That column bears still, their pencilled names, as they wrote them in those days in life's June, 183—, ere dreams of change had overcome their spirits like a summer's cloud.

Alas! that with the old singers, most of the sweetest old tunes have died upon the air, but they linger in memory, and they shall yet be sung again, in the sweet re-union of song that shall take place, by and by, in a hall whose columns are beams of morning light whose ceiling is pure pearl, whose floors are all gold, and where hair never turns silvery, and hearts never grow old. There she that sang Alto and she that sang Air, will be in their places once more, for what could the choir do without them?

[Chicago Journal.]

A HINDOO LETTER.—In external appearance and construction of expressions, a Hindoo letter is worthy of notice. It is written on a palm leaf with an iron stile, four to six inches long, and sharp pointed at the end. In writing, neither chair nor table is needed, the leaf being supported in the middle finger of the left hand, and kept steady with the thumb and fore-finger. The right hand does not, as with us, move along the surface, but after finishing a few words, the writer fixes the point of the iron in the last letter and pushes the leaf from right to left, so that he may finish his line. This becomes so easy by long practice, that one often sees a Hindoo writing as he walks the street. As this species of penmanship is but a kind of faint engraving, the strokes of which are indistinct, they make the character legible by besmearing the leaf with an ink-like fluid. A letter is generally finished on a single leaf, which is then enveloped in a second, whereon is written the address. In communicating the message of a relative, the custom is to singe the point of the leaf upon which the afflicting news is written. When a superior writes to an inferior, he puts his own name before that of the person to whom he writes, and the reverse when he writes to a superior.

Eloquent Philanthropy.—Judge Niles recently made a most eloquent speech in the Connecticut Convention in favor of exempting the Homestead, from which we make the following extract:

"I am not ashamed to own that my understanding is convinced. I go for it because it is right in itself; right against all appeals to prejudice and passion, and love of gain; right against the world. The home where the ivy and the woodbine have been taught to twine by tender hands and loving hearts—where the children were born and some of them died—where the sons and daughters return from their distant emigrations to pay their tribute of filial love—the home where all that is sacred in life, in death and in religion centres—that home I would protect not by the unstable laws enacted to-morrow and repealed the day after, but by constitutional provisions, immutable as truth and justice, and enduring as the everlasting hills."

SLEEP.—There is no better description given of the approach of sleep than that in one of Leigh Hunt's papers, in the *Indicator*.

"It is a delicious movement, certainly, that of being well nestled in bed, and feeling that you shall drop gently to sleep. The good is to come not past; the limbs have been just tired enough to render the remaining in one posture delightful; the labor of the day is done. A gentle failure of the perceptions comes creeping over; the spirit of consciousness disengages itself more, and with slow and hushing degrees, like a mother detaching her hand from that of her sleeping child; the mind seems to have a balmy lid closing over it, like the eye; 'tis more closing—'tis closed. The mysterious spirit has gone to take its airy rounds.

A newspaper agent recently visited an Indian settlement, thinking it a very good place to get club subscribers.

TO THE AFFLICTED.

OAK-OIL, the Panacea, the Positive Curative.

The proprietor and inventor will stake his reputation, that this Oak-Oil will do all that he claims, and more, and he does claim that it will positively not only relieve, but cure, Deafness, Weak Eyes, Sore Eyes, Diarrhea, Piles, Salt Rheum, Chills, Erysipelas, Fistula, Dandruff or Scrofula, the head, Neuralgia, Tic Douloureux, Rheumatism, Headache, Burns, Scalds, Sore mouth and lips, Fresh Cuts, Catarrh in the head, Bruises and Sprains, in many cases the Teeth Ache, any old Sore Leg, Barbers Sore Face, Chaps in the groins or other part, St. Anthony's Fire, Prickly Heat, Diseases of the Spine, Rupture, prevents the hair from falling out, by making the skin of the head healthy and opening the pores, any kind of Cancer or Cancer, and all the different Rashes or Eruptions of the skin, Chills Fever, Fever and Ague, Lung Fever, Cramp in the feet, legs or stomach, Billious Fever, and many other maladies are cured as if by magic! To insure a cure only follow directions. This Oak-Oil being very lately made public, the proprietor would refer to the best men and families in the State, for its wonderful curative properties. The afflicted can easily write to any of the persons certifying to its merits. This Oak-Oil needs only to be used, to be appreciated in any disease that the flesh of man is heir to; and all this can be done without paying a professional man a dollar a visit—only exercising a little good common sense and by applying effectually the Oak-Oil.

Detroit, August 5th 1851.

Certificate of the right Rev. Peter Paul Lefevre, Bishop, Coadjutor, &c., of the Catholic church of the Diocese of Detroit.

Mr. James Scribner—Esteemed Sir: Please allow me to say to you, that notwithstanding my very great aversion to cure all medicines, I have applied your Oak Oil to my head which relieves it of an apparent load or weight, and gives me a very pleasant sensation; the same to my eyes, and I have used it in case of the chafe, with very gratifying and healing effects. And sir, I wish you would have a supply of it left some where in this city, that I may direct other persons as to its very happy effects.

Yours, with great respect,

PETER P. LEFEVRE, B. C. C. D. D.

Detroit August 7th 1851.

Certificate of Mr. Jeremiah Godfrey, for sixteen years a resident of Detroit, twelve years of the firm of Atkinson & Godfrey, formerly of Ithaca N. Y.

Mr. James Scribner—Dear Sir: Please allow me to certify that I have been a sufferer from diseases of various kinds from 1831 up to this date, and at one time did quit my business of Painting, on the advice of a physician, and returned to the painting business and followed it until about a year since, during which time, and until I met you, and you administered your Oak Oil to me I never knew what it was to enjoy a well day, and I have been relieved of a partial deafness, my head has become clear, and in short, I feel as if I had been entirely made over, and as it were, entered upon life all of a new; and, indeed, I owe so much to you or your Oak Oil, that I am willing to do or say anything to induce you to extend the knowledge of your Oak Oil throughout the entire world, and the Oil with the knowledge; and please allow me to further say that I have sent dozens of persons afflicted with sore eyes, sore heads, deafness and burns, to your Depot, and I have heard but one opinion from hundreds in the city of Detroit, and that is that the Oak Oil has helped and cured them, and if I can do any thing to help you in any other way, you are at liberty to call and command it of me.

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DIAMOND POINTED.—\$1.50 for Pen and Holder. Persons in want of a fine finished Gold Pen, with a smooth point, will find a large assortment to select from, at the manufactory, 117 Jefferson Avenue, state-colored front. Damaged pens re-pointed, medium 50 cents, engraving 75 cents. Also, watch repairing, such as chronometers, duplex, anchors, patent levers, lapine and common watches, cleaned and repaired by skillful workmen. Also, a good stock of watches, Jewelry and silver ware, at reduced prices.

Damaged Pens sent by mail enclosing the amount for repairs in Post Office Stamps will be promptly attended.

Detroit, 1851.

SAWING ON SHARES.—The subscriber will saw during the season of 1852, 3,000,000 feet of best quality pine logs, for one half. He will receive the logs in rafts, at any point on Lake Muskegon, and deliver the lumber on the dock, at his steam mill. He has also a sliding machine, in operation, which he will run at the same rate, in connection with his saw mill.

Muskegon, Sept. 1, 1851. GEORGE RUDIMAN.

MARSHAL SALE.—By virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Michigan, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of John Stronach. I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said John Stronach of and in the following described lands and tenements to wit: South-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section number fifteen, (15) and the west half of the south-east quarter of section number twenty-two, (22) in township number twenty-one, (21) north of range number sixteen, (16) west; also south half of the north-east quarter of section number eight, (8) town number twenty, (20) north of range number fourteen west; also the north-east quarter of the south-east quarter and the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter of section number twenty-one, (21) and the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter and the south-west quarter of the north-west quarter of section number twenty-two, (22) in township number twenty-one, (21) north of range number sixteen, (16) west; which I shall by virtue of said writ, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on Friday, the nineteenth day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Court House in the village of Grand Haven, in the County of Ottawa, State of Michigan. Dated October 20th 1851.

CHAS. H. KNOX, U. S. Marshal.

By G. C. NELSON, Dep. U. S. Marshal.

A CARD.

THE undersigned has taken the well known Washington House, in the village of Grand Haven for a time, where he will receive and cater for all of his old customers, and as many new ones as may feel disposed to call upon him, with the aid and assistance of JAMES P. SCOTT, who will be ever ready as well as the undersigned, to wait upon, and if possible to give satisfaction to all that may favor this House with a call.

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HENRY PENNOYER.

Grand Haven, July 24, 1851.

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SHERIFF SALE.—By virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court for the County of Ottawa, Michigan, to me directed and delivered, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Bethuel Church, in favor of Farmer Church. I have levied upon, all the right, title and interest of the said Bethuel Church, of and in the following described property, to wit: The north-east quarter of section thirty-three, (33) the east half of the south-east quarter of section twenty-eight, (28) the south-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section twenty-eight, (28) the south-west quarter of the north-west quarter of section thirty-three, (33) the undivided one half of the mill lot and mill, on the south-east quarter of section thirty-three, (33) all in town seven north of range thirteen (13) west; which I shall expose for sale at public auction, as the law directs, to the highest bidder, at the court-house, in the village of Grand Haven, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said county, on Friday, the fifth day of December next, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day. Dated at Grand Haven, this 10th day of October 1851.

ASA A. SCOTT, Sheriff of Ottawa County.

The above sale is postponed to the 20th day of December, 1851, at the same hour and place.

ASA A. SCOTT, Sheriff.

Mortgage Sale.

DEFAULT having been made in the payment of a certain sum of money secured to be paid by indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of April, A. D. 1848; executed by William C. Comfort and Cornelia A. Comfort, of the County of Ottawa and State of Michigan, to Henry Griffin, of same county and State, and recorded in the office of the Register of said county in Liber A of Mortgages, on pages two hundred and thirty-two and two hundred and thirty-three, at the thirteenth day of May, A. D. 1848, at ten o'clock A. M. On which said Mortgage, there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of one hundred and ninety-seven dollars and ninety cents of a dollar, for the recovery of which no suit or proceeding at law, or in equity has been instituted. Notice is therefore hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale in said Mortgage contained, and according to the statute in such case made and provided, the premises in said Mortgage described, to wit: The east half of the east half of lot number four, (4) fractional section nine, (9) situate on the north bank of Grand River, in the township of Polkton, in said county of Ottawa, in town seven, (7) north of range number fourteen, (14) west, containing six acres more or less, and also the east half of the east half of the south-east quarter of section number four, (4) in said town seven, (7) north, range fourteen, (14) west, as divided by a north and south line, through the centre of the east half of the south-east quarter of section four, containing forty acres more or less, according to government survey; will be sold to the highest bidder, at public auction, on the third (3) day of December next, ensuing the date hereof, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Court House, or place of holding Courts of record, in the village of Grand Haven, in said county of Ottawa, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court thereof. Dated Grand Haven, August 27, 1851.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Mortgagee.

ATTACHMENT NOTICE. State of Michigan, in Ottawa County Court. Stephen Batchelder, Plff.

vs. Francis Batchelder, Deft.

In Attachment.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the twelfth day of March 1851, a writ of attachment issued by the Court above named, wherein the parties above named were plaintiff and defendant, that the sum claimed, due from the plaintiff to the defendant in said writ, is the sum of three thousand dollars, that said writ was made returnable on the second Tuesday of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty one, and that as appears from the return of said writ, property has been attached thereon, and that the defendant above named could not be found. Dated at Grand Haven, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1851. STEPHEN BATCHELDER, Plff.

By KATHBONE & MILLER, his Attys. [8w2]

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Ottawa, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Ottawa, holden at the office of the Judge thereof, at Grand Haven, on Saturday, the 23d day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one: Present, William Hathaway Jr., Judge of Probate: In the matter of the estate of Frederick A. Water, deceased: On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of the heirs of said deceased, praying that

Merritt B. Atwater, be appointed Administrator on the estate of said deceased, situated in Pierre Marquette, Mason County, Michigan. Thereupon it is ordered, that Thursday, the eleventh day of September next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Probate Court, then to be holden at the office of the Judge thereof, at Grand Haven, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioners give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Grand River Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in the County of Ottawa, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. [A true copy.] WILLIAM HATHAWAY JR., Judge of Probate.

Mortgage Sale.

DEFAULT having been made in the payment by indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the sixteenth day of October A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-eight, executed by Sherry Hammond, of Ottawa County, State of Michigan, to Francis B. Gilbert of the same County. On which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of one hundred fifty-two ninety-six hundredths dollars, for the collection of which, or any part thereof, no suit at law or in equity has been commenced. Notice is therefore hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale, in said Mortgage contained, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the premises therein described to wit: The south-east fraction of the south-east quarter of section eleven, and lots numbered one and two, and the south-west quarter of the north-east quarter of section fourteen, all in township eight north, of range sixteen west, containing in all one hundred sixteen and thirty one hundredths acres, according to government survey, will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the Court House, in the village of Grand Haven, in said county of Ottawa, on the twenty-eighth day of October, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-one, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. FRANCIS B. GILBERT, Mortgagee.

Grand Haven, July 28, 1851. [13w4.]

The above sale is postponed until December 20, A. D. 1851, at the same hour and place.

FRANCIS B. GILBERT, Mortgagee.

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TO all whom it may concern. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between George Farnsworth, of Pier Marquette, Mason County, State of Michigan, and Merritt B. Atwater, of the same place, under the firm and name of Farnsworth and Atwater, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated at Racine, Oct. 29, 1851. [18w3.]

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